

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
 - (a) receiving at a communications device from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key;
 - (b) transmitting by the communications device a request for the content key to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content and possessing the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;
 - (c) receiving at the communications device from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and
 - (d) decrypting at the communications device the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the public key of the communications device to the second remote device.
- 3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving at the communications device one or more usage rules from the first remote device, wherein the usage rules correspond to the content;

transmitting by the communications device the one or more usage rules to the second remote device;

receiving at the communications device one or more modified usage rules from the second remote device; and

associating at the communications device the one or more modified usage rules with the content.

7. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

at least one processor

and at least one memory including computer program code

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, working with the at least one processor, cause the device to perform at least the following:

~~a first communications interface in a communications device adapted to receive,~~
through a first communications interface, from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key;

~~a module in the communications device adapted to decrypt an encrypted version~~
of the content key with a private key of the communications device; ~~and~~

~~a second communications interface in the communications device adapted to~~

~~(a)~~ transmit, through a second communications interface, a request for the content key to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content and possessing the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device, and

~~(b)~~ receive from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device, the public key of the communications device corresponding to the private key of the communications device.

8. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the request includes the public key of the communications device.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 7, wherein the first communications interface is further adapted to receive one or more usage rules from the first remote device, the usage rules corresponding to the content; and

wherein the ~~second communications interface~~ at least one memory and the computer program code being further configured to, working with the at least one processor, to cause the device is further adapted to transmit the one or more usage rules to the second remote device; and to receive one or more modified usage rules from the second remote device.

13. (Previously Presented) A device, comprising:

means for receiving from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key;

means for transmitting a request for the content key to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content and possessing the content key encrypted with a public key of the second remote device;

means for receiving from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and

means for decrypting the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device.

14. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

a communications device adapted to receive from a remote device a superdistributed content item encrypted with a content key;

the communications device being further adapted to transmit a request for the content key to an authorized agent;

said authorized agent receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent;

and

said authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of a content distributor, the authorized agent adapted to provide the content key to the communications device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the request includes a public key of the communications device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the authorized agent is further adapted to provide to the communications device the content key encrypted with a public key of the communications device.

19. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising the content distributor.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising the remote device;
wherein the remote device receives the content item from the content distributor.

21. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the communications device, the remote device, and the authorized agent communicate with each other across one or more wireless communications networks.

22. (Withdrawn) A method, comprising:

(a) receiving at an authorized agent authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor;

(b) receiving at the authorized agent from a communications device a request for a content key;

said authorized agent receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor;

(c) encrypting at the authorized agent the content key with a public key of the communications device; and

(d) transmitting by the authorized agent to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Withdrawn) A method, comprising:

(a) receiving at an authorized agent authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor;

(b) receiving at the authorized agent a content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent;

(c) receiving at the authorized agent from a communications device a request for the content key, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor;

(d) encrypting at the authorized agent the content key with a public key of the communications device; and

(e) transmitting by the authorized agent to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25, wherein said receiving a request comprises receiving the public key of the communications device.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, further comprising:

decrypting at the authorized agent the content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent; and

encrypting at the authorized agent the content key with the public key of the communications device.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, further comprising:

receiving at the authorized agent one or more usage rules from the communications device, the one or more usage rules corresponding to the content item;

modifying at the authorized agent the one or more usage rules; and

transmitting by the authorized agent the one or more modified usage rules to the communications device.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein said modifying is performed in accordance with one or more modification limitations.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more modification limitations includes at least one of a temporal limitation, a content type limitation, and a specific content limitation.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29, wherein the one or more modification limitations are imposed by the content distributor.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more modified usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the communications device.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein said transmitting is performed when one or more content distribution conditions are satisfied.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34, wherein the one or more content distribution conditions includes a payment from the communications device.

36. (Withdrawn) A device, comprising:

a first communications interface in an authorized agent adapted to receive authorization to act on behalf of the content distributor and further adapted to receive the content key encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent;

a module in the authorized agent adapted to encrypt a content key with a public key of the communications device, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor; and

a second communications interface in the authorized agent adapted to receive from a communications device a request for the content key, and transmit to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

37. (Withdrawn) A device, comprising:

a first communications interface in an authorized agent adapted to receive authorization to act on behalf of the content distributor;

a module in the authorized agent adapted to encrypt a content key with a public key of the communications device, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor; and

a second communications interface in the authorized agent adapted to receive from a communications device a request for the content key, and transmit to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 37, wherein the request further includes the public key of the communications device.

40. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 39, further comprising a module in the authorized agent adapted to decrypt the content key encrypted with the public key of the authorized agent.

41. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 36, further comprising a rules module in the authorized agent adapted to modify one or more usage rules received from the communications device; and

wherein the second communications interface in the authorized agent is further adapted to send the one or more modified rules to the communications device.

42. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 41, wherein said rules module in the authorized agent is further adapted to modify the one or more usage rules in accordance with one or more modification limitations.

43. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 42, wherein the one or more modification limitations includes at least one of a temporal limitation, a content type limitation, and a specific content limitation.

44. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 42, wherein the one or more modification limitations are imposed by the content distributor.

45. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 41, wherein the one or more usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the authorized agent

46. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 41, wherein the one or more modified usage rules are encrypted with a public key of the communications device.

47. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 36, wherein said second communications interface in the authorized agent is further adapted to transmit the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device when one or more content distribution conditions are satisfied.

48. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 47, wherein the one or more content distribution conditions includes a payment from the communications device.

49. (Withdrawn) A system, comprising:

- means for receiving authorization to act on behalf of a content distributor;
- means for receiving from a communications device a request for a content key;
- means for receiving the content key encrypted with a public key of an authorized agent, the content key for decrypting a superdistributed content item originally distributed by the content distributor;
- means for encrypting the content key with a public key of the communications device; and
- means for transmitting to the communications device the content key encrypted with the public key of the communications device.

50. (Withdrawn) A system, comprising:

a content distributor adapted to transmit a superdistributed digital television broadcast, an authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of the content distributor; and

a communications device adapted to receive the digital television broadcast from the content distributor;

wherein the communications device is further adapted to encrypt a content key with the public key of the authorized agent for encrypting the digital television broadcast.

51. (Withdrawn) A device, comprising:

a communications interface in a communications device adapted to receive from a content distributor a superdistributed digital television broadcast and a public encryption key of an authorized agent, the authorized agent authorized to act on behalf of the content distributor; and

a security processing module in the communications device adapted to encrypt a key with the public key of the authorized agent for encrypting the digital television broadcast .

52. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

(a) receiving at a communications device from a first remote device superdistributed content encrypted with a content key and a first usage rule for the content;

(b) transmitting by the communications device a request for the content key and said first usage rule to a second remote device, the second remote device authorized to act on behalf of a provider of the content;

(c) receiving at the communications device from the second remote device an encrypted version of the content key and a modified usage rule for the content, wherein the encrypted version of the content key is encrypted with a public key of the communications device; and

(d) decrypting at the communications device the encrypted version of the content key with a private key of the communications device, the private key of the communications device corresponding to the public key of the communications device;

said content key being received at the communications device from the second remote device after having been received at the second remote device encrypted with a public key of the second remote device.

53. (Canceled)

54. (Canceled)